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December Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on December 1, 2014, were estimated at 9.4 million hundredweight (cwt), accounting for 60 percent of production, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office.

The 13 major potato States held 263 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2014, down 3 percent from 2 years ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2014 fall storage States' production, the same as 2 years earlier. Potato disappearance, at 136 million cwt, was down 2 percent from December 1, 2012. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.8 million cwt, was the same as 2012. Processors in the 9 major States used 74.4 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 1 percent from December 2012.

Fall potatoes: Production and stocks, 2012-2014 crop years

Item	Michigan			13 Major States		
	2012	2013 ¹	2014 ¹	2012	2013 ¹	2014 ¹
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Production	16,100	15,840	15,725	412,831	386,824	398,904
Stocks						
Dec 1	9,500		9,400	271,500		263,400
Feb 1	4,700	5,700		187,500	204,600	
Apr 1	1,200		2,100	115,650		119,050

¹ April 1, 2013, December 1, 2013, and February 1, 2014 not available